

Quick Facts

TYPICAL OUTDOOR WATER USES

We use as much water outside as we do inside. Between 20-40% of that is wasted. Here's how we can save water outdoors.



Use a broom to clean walks and drives.

A garden hose puts out 10 gallons of water per minute. Attach a positive pressure nozzle to save water.



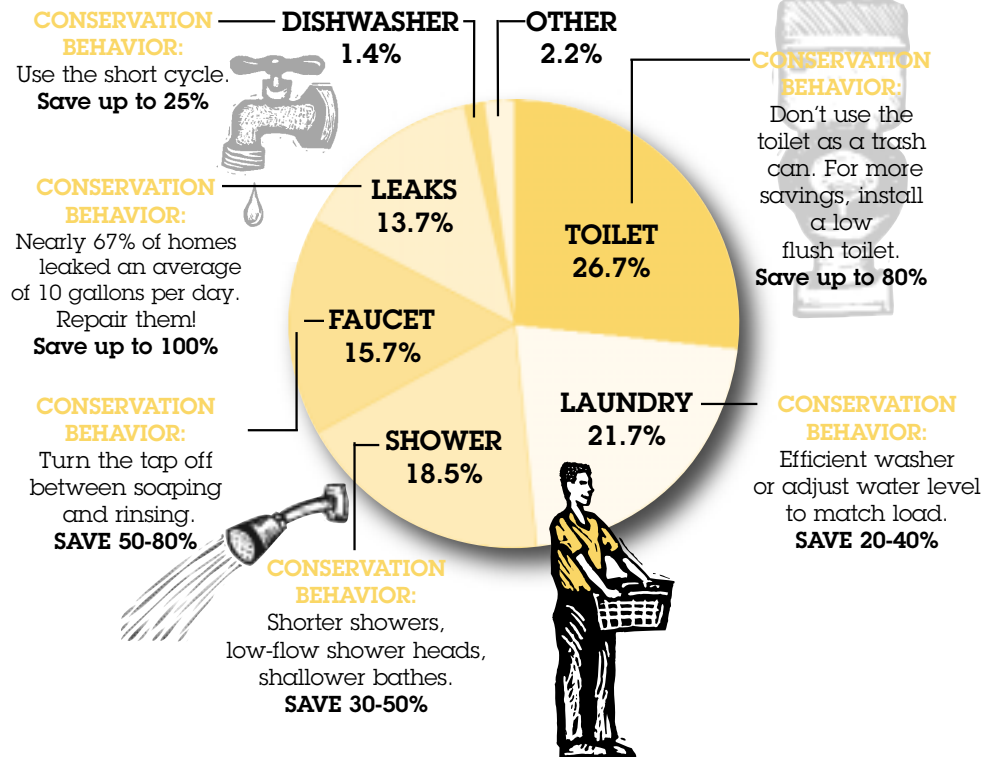
Households with automatic timers to control irrigation use 47 percent more water outdoors. Remember to change the clock with the season.



Mow your lawn between 2-3" in height.

TYPICAL INDOOR WATER USES

The average Salt Lake City household uses 6800 gallons per month indoors. Here's how we use water and some suggestions for conservation.



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SALT LAKE CITY

proposed WATER RATE restructure

FOR COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS

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PROPOSED WATER RATE RESTRICTURE

Salt Lake City is growing. That growth comes with increased demand on water supplies and the existing infrastructure that collects, treats, and delivers water. New sources for water will become increasingly difficult to obtain and expensive to treat and deliver. How will we ensure that we have an adequate supply of high-quality water for our future? Starting today, we can begin developing a waterwise ethic of conservation.

In an effort to promote long-term water conservation, reduce peak demand, extend Salt Lake City's water supplies, and delay future large water development projects, Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities is proposing a water conservation rate structure.

Before making this rate-structure recommendation, the Public Utilities Advisory Committee approved the hiring of a consultant and formed a 20-member group of citizens to study the issue and make recommendations. These recommendations were forwarded to the Administration and then City Council, which is actively considering this proposal. It is proposed that the new rate structure become effective on June 1, 2003, in order to encourage water conservation beginning this irrigation season.

A hearing is scheduled for April 22, 2003, at 6 p.m. in City Council chambers, and the public is invited.

The proposed rate restructuring will:

- **Restructure water rates for residential customers** – Implement a three-tiered inclining price structure for April through October in which the per-unit cost would increase through three volume blocks, with a flat rate per unit for winter-month consumption.
- **Restructure rates for industrial and commercial accounts** – Implement a three-tiered inclining price structure for April through October, where the first tier is set by average winter consumption per meter, with the remaining tiers representing reasonable outdoor use and excessive outdoor use.
- **Restructure rates for irrigation accounts** – Set a target water budget based on various factors. Irrigation rates would begin in Commercial Block 2, with the higher water rate of Block 3 for accounts exceeding the target budget.
- **Eliminate water allotment included in the minimum charge** – Eliminate the base allowance of 500 cubic feet of water that is currently included in the monthly minimum charge.
- **Eliminate demand charge** – Eliminate the monthly demand charge for customers with large water meters.
- **Reduce the monthly minimum charge** – Recover only those costs associated with meter reading, customer service, and bill generation.

PROPOSED RATES FOR COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND LARGE APARTMENT COMPLEXES

A "unit" or "ccf" is 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons.

	CURRENT CITY RATES	CURRENT COUNTY RATES	PROPOSED CITY RATES	PROPOSED COUNTY RATES
Current Winter Rates	\$0.61	\$0.90		
Current Summer Rates	\$0.93	\$1.39		
Block 1 <i>0 – average winter water use</i>			\$0.72	\$0.97
Block 2 <i>Average winter water usage to 300% average winter water usage</i>			\$1.10	\$1.49
Block 3 <i>Excess of 300% average winter water usage</i>			\$1.53	\$2.07

Average winter consumption is calculated as the average amount of water used by a customer during the months of November through March.

Proposed changes in monthly minimum charge

SIZE OF CONNECTION	CURRENT CITY MONTHLY	PROPOSED CITY MONTHLY	CURRENT COUNTY MONTHLY	PROPOSED COUNTY MONTHLY
3/4" and 1"	\$ 8.40	\$ 5.62	\$12.47	\$ 7.59
1 1/2"	\$23.94	\$ 6.80	\$35.76	\$ 9.18
2"	\$35.67	\$ 7.45	\$53.36	\$10.06
3"	\$71.12	\$13.04	\$106.53	\$17.60
4"	\$109.49	\$14.02	\$164.07	\$18.93
6"	\$233.49	\$20.59	\$350.08	\$27.80
8"	\$348.49	\$37.66	\$522.60	\$50.84
10"	\$496.08	\$70.50	\$743.95	\$95.18

EXAMPLE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE FOR A LARGE COMMERCIAL BUSINESS

Meter Size 1.5 inches

Average monthly winter water usage equals 132 ccf or billing units
 Block 1 would be 0 to 132 ccf or billing units
 Block 2 would be 132 to 396 ccf or billing units
 Block 3 would be greater than 396 ccf or billing units

MONTH	HUNDRED CUBIC FEET CONSUMPTION	CURRENT WATER CHARGE	PROPOSED WATER CHARGE	DIFFERENCE
Jan.	125	\$97.14	\$96.80	(\$0.34)
Feb.	150	\$112.39	\$114.80	\$2.41
March	151	\$113.00	\$115.52	\$2.52
April	212	\$150.21	\$159.44	\$9.23
May	281	\$192.30	\$265.74	\$73.44
June	372	\$365.25	\$365.84	\$0.59
July	480	\$465.69	\$520.76	\$55.07
Aug.	600	\$577.29	\$704.36	\$127.07
Sept.	559	\$539.16	\$641.63	\$102.47
Oct.	300	\$203.89	\$286.64	\$82.75
Nov.	125	\$97.41	\$96.80	(\$0.34)
Dec.	100	\$81.89	\$78.80	(\$3.09)
Total	3,455	\$2,995.35	\$3,447.13	\$451.78

Consult your own water bill for your monthly volume usage and average winter water usage.

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